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Hello, I read these points on the internet and agree these need to be applied to Microsoft.

#### PFJ Section III: Prohibited Conduct

1. Microsoft will not retaliate against OEMs who support competitors to Windows, Internet Explorer (IE), Microsoft Java (MJ), Windows Media Player (WMP), Windows Messenger (WM), or Outlook Express (OE).
2. Microsoft will publish the wholesale prices it charges the top 20 OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) for Windows.
3. Microsoft will allow OEMs to customize the Windows menus, desktop, and boot sequence, and will allow the use of non-Microsoft bootloaders.
4. Microsoft will publish on MSDN (the Microsoft Developer Network) the APIs used by IE, MJ, WMP, WM, and OE, so that competing web browsers, media players, and email clients can plug in properly to Windows.
5. Microsoft will license on reasonable terms the network protocols needed for non-Microsoft applications or operating systems to connect to Windows servers.
6. Microsoft will not force business partners to refrain from supporting competitors to Windows, IE, MJ, WMP, WM, or OE.
7. (Roughly same as F above.)
8. Microsoft will let users and OEMs remove icons for IE, MJ, WMP, WM, and OE, and let them designate competing products to be used instead.
9. Microsoft will license on reasonable terms any intellectual property rights needed for other companies to take advantage of the terms of this settlement.
10. This agreement lets Microsoft keep secret anything having to do with security or copy protection.

#### PFJ Section VI: Definitions

1. "API" (Application Programming Interface) is defined as only the interfaces between Microsoft Middleware and Microsoft Windows, excluding Windows APIs used by other application programs.
2. "Microsoft Middleware Product" is defined as Internet Explorer (IE), Microsoft Java (MJ), Windows Media Player (WMP), Windows Messenger (WM), and Outlook Express (OE).
3. "Windows Operating System Product" is defined as Windows 2000 Professional, Windows XP Home, and Windows XP Professional.

I also think they need to openly publish complete specifications for their Office document formats to allow others to import/export these proprietary formats.

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